

# FOREST STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prepared For: Choctaw BOE

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Property Name: Greene S16-18N-9E

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## LANDOWNER INFORMATION

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#### PROPERTY LOCATION

County: Choctaw Total Acres: 637 Latitude: -89.36 Longitude: 33.42

Section: 16 Township: 18N Range: 9E

#### **DISCLAIMER**

Some forest practices may cause temporary adverse environmental or aesthetic impacts. These practices will only cause short-term adverse impacts where they are installed. Special efforts will be made to minimize adverse effects when carrying out any of the practices. Examples include: site preparation, planting, prescribed fires, firebreak installation and maintenance, road installation and maintenance, pesticide applications and timber harvesting.

This information was derived from a small sampling of the forest resources. It reflects a statistical estimation that is only intended to be accurate enough for the purposes of making decisions for the short-term management of these resources. These estimations are temporally static. Events and circumstances may occur within the survey area that will physically alter the forest resources and therefore will not be reflected in the plan.

#### INTRODUCTION

This Forest Stewardship Management Plan will serve as a guide for accomplishing the goals and objectives for your property. In addition to addressing your specific goals and objectives, this plan includes recommendations for maintaining soil and water quality and

protecting your forest from insects, disease, and wildfire. Recommendations are based on observation and assessment of the site.

## **OBJECTIVES**

#### Fire Protection

The goal is to protect the resource from wildfires, by establishing and maintaining firebreaks around the property; annually inspect possible signs of insect infestations and disease; and prohibit grazing until terminal bud is beyond reach of livestock.

#### Timber Production

The goal is to produce high quality sawtimber. This will be accomplished through reforestation and timber stand improvement practices such as herbicide applications, prescribed burning, thinning at specified intervals, and other silvicultural practices. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

#### General Property Information

This section is known as the "Green" section and is located on Jones Rd. The majority of the section is loblolly pine. Green has approximately 620 forested acres of various sized timber. This section has 18 non-forested acres. There are no management activities being recommended during this plan for the non-forested acres.

#### Water Resources

One significant creek was identified during a reconnaissance of the property. Intermittent streams and drains were also identified and will be managed in accordance with Mississippi's Best Manage Practices.

## Timber Production

The goal is to maximize the production of high quality timber. This will be accomplished through the application of timely thinning and other silvicultural practices designed to enhance timber quality and growth. Forestry Best Management Practices will be implemented to prevent erosion and protect water quality.

## Threatened and Endangered Species

No threatened and endangered species were identified during the reconnaissance and evaluation of your property.

*Interaction with Surrounding Property* 

Prescribed practices should be carried out in a manner that will minimize adverse impacts on surrounding properties. Consideration should be given to potential air, water, visual, and other impacts. In addition, practices carried out should have positive effects on the surrounding community such as improved wildlife habitat and soil stabilization.

Soils General

Soils were evaluated on the property to determine the suitability of the site for the proposed activities. Forest practices were planned so as to minimize erosion or other adverse effects on the soil. The following soils are identified for this property:

## **Archeological or Cultural Resources**

Archeological or Cultural Resources

These areas can range from churches, old cemeteries or Indian mounds to old home sites or other areas of historical significance.

A Church located on Southeast corner of the section. This site has been buffered and designated with blue paint on trees around the site. No forest management activities will occur inside of this protected area.

## GENERAL PROPERTY RECOMMENDATIONS

Forest Protection

A health vigorously growing stand is the best defense to an attack form a variety of forest insects, plants and pathogens.

Insects and Diseases

Trees are subject to attack from insects and diseases. Different insects and diseases affect trees according to the age, species, and condition of the trees. Planted stands of pines and pure stands of hardwoods are particularly susceptible to attack. Since there are many different insects and diseases, no attempt will be made here to explain all of them. The property should be inspected at least annually for possible signs of insect and disease activity. Some things to look for are:

- Unseasonable leaf fall
- Discoloration of leaves or needles
- Pitch pockets on pine trees
- · Heavy defoliation of hardwood leaves
- Groups of three or more dying trees within a stand

This list does not cover all instances of insect or disease attacks. If anything unusual is noticed, report it to a forester. In most cases, insect and disease problems can be controlled if discovered early.

#### Fire Protection

Your forest should be protected from wildfire at all times. The best way to protect your investment is by establishing and maintaining firebreaks around the property. Guidelines for establishment and maintenance of firebreaks may be found in Mississippi Forestry Commission publication #107, *Mississippi's Best Management Practices* 

#### Grazing

Tree seedlings should be protected from grazing until such time as the terminal bud of the sapling is beyond reach of livestock. Domestic livestock should be denied access to the tree planting area.

#### **Boundary Lines**

Boundary lines will be maintained by the Mississippi Forestry Commission on a 4 year rotation. All lines will be marked in red or orange paint.

## **SOIL TYPES**

OrC2

The Ora component makes up 90 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 5 to 8 percent. This component is on uplands. The parent material consists of loamy fluviomarine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer, fragipan, is 18 to 42 inches. The natural drainage class is moderately well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 30 inches during February, March, April. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. Loblolly Site Index = 83.

#### Kk

The Kirkville component makes up 90 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on flood plains. The parent material consists of loamy alluvium. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is moderately well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is occasionally flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 24 inches during January, February, March, April. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 2w. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. Loblolly Site Index = 95.

#### RuC

The Ruston component makes up 95 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 5 to 8 percent. This component is on coastal plains. The parent material consists of loamy fluviomarine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72

inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 3e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. Loblolly Site Index = 84.

#### CH

The Chenneby component makes up 50 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on flood plains. The parent material consists of silty alluvium deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat poorly drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is moderate. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is frequently flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 21 inches during January, February, March. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 4w. This soil meets hydric criteria. The Arkabutla component makes up 37 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 0 to 2 percent. This component is on flood plains. The parent material consists of silty alluvium deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat poorly drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is very high. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is frequently flooded. It is not ponded. A seasonal zone of water saturation is at 15 inches during January, February, March, April. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 2 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 4w. This soil meets hydric criteria.

#### SR

The Smithdale component makes up 75 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 8 to 35 percent. This component is on hillslopes. The parent material consists of loamy fluviomarine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. Loblolly Site Index = 80.

#### SS

The Smithdale component makes up 54 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 8 to 35 percent. This component is on hillslopes. The parent material consists of loamy fluviomarine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria. The Sweatman component makes up 38 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 8 to 35 percent. This component is on uplands. The parent material consists of loamy marine deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is well drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is moderately high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches is high. Shrink-swell potential is moderate. This soil is not flooded. It is

not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 1 percent. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 7e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

#### **STRATA**

Strata 1
Strata Description
Strata 1 - 204 Acres

Contains stand 13.

This area is 204 acres was hand planted and site prepped in the year 2007 with loblolly pine seedlings.

#### Strata Recommendations

No activities for this strata at this time.

Strata 3
Strata Description
Strata 3 - 28 Acres

Contains stand 3.

This 28 acres is an old growth hardwood stand with some mixed pines trees. This area is being left to protect Baptisim Branch.

#### Strata Recommendations

No activities for this strata at this time.

Strata 4
Strata Description
Strata 4 - 140 Acres

Contains stands 4, 5, and 7.

This area is 140 acres that was hand planted with gentically improved North Mississippi loblolly pine seedlings. Numerous wild pines generated in the area, causing it to need to be pre-commercially thinned.

#### Strata Recommendations

Recommended that this area be first thinned in the year 2016. The area should be thinned to 80 square feet basal area. This will be achieved by thinning the weaker and diseased trees first to achieve the 80 square feet basal area.

## **Activity Recommendations**

Harvest

Recommended that this area be first thinned in the year 2016. The area should be thinned to 80 square feet basal area. This will be achieved by thinning the weaker and diseased trees first to achieve the 80 square feet basal area.

Strata 6
Strata Description
Strata 6 - 32 Acres

Contains stand 11.

This area is 32 acres that consist of hardwood pulpwood that is being left to protect the water shed on the property.

#### Strata Recommendations

No activities for this strata at this time.

Strata 12
Strata Description
Strata 12 - 154 Acres

Contains stand 2.

This area contains 154 acres that is pine sawtimber. It had significant torando damage in the spring of 2011.

#### Strata Recommendations

The area should be looked at for possible final thinning in the year 2015.

#### **Activity Recommendations**

Harvest

If prices are suitable, it is recommended that the area have a final harvest in the year 2015.

Strata 13
Strata Description
Strata 13 - 61 Acres

Contains stands 6, 8, and 9.

This area contains 61 acres that was machine planted in the year 1985 with loblolly pine seedlings. Since that time the area has been thinned once and now contains pulpwood and small sawlogs.

#### Strata Recommendations

The area should be looked at for a possible second thinning in 2014.

#### **Activity Recommendations**

Harvest

The area will be looked at around 2014 for possible need of a second thinning.

## **OTHER PLAN ACTIVITIES**

Boundary Lines

Line Description

The boundary lines are painted every 4 years in either red or orange boundary paint to make sure the property lines are clearly visible.

#### Line Recommendations

The boundary lines are painted every 4 years in either red or orange boundary paint.

#### **Activity Recommendations**

**Property Activities** 

Routine inspections and general maintenance of the roads, Firelanes, and boundary lines will ensure overall appearance and aesthetics of the property.

Fire Control

Line Description

These lines are used for easy access and maintained for easy fire control.

## Line Recommendations

Lines should be pushed and maintained every 4 years.

## **Activity Recommendations**

Fire Protection

Due to well kept fire lanes, accessible roads, and good communication with the community makes for easier fire protection.



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## <u>Green</u>



Property	Round:	ary Corners	Bou	ndary Lines (cont)	Scho	ool Land Classification
Property		roperty	Dodi	Forest Health	JCHC	Forest Land
Property	400	ection	=	Invasive Species		Farm/Residential Land
Category 1: Stands	100	Ouarter Section	=	Management Compartment		Residential Land
Clear Cut	100	reas	=	Military Area		Agricultural Land
Non-Stocked	A 6	ii cas	=	Natural Area		Industrial Land
Reproduction	Structu	ures	Property		Recreational Land	
Sub-Merchantable	■ Ba	arn	=	Recreation		Catfish Farming Land
Pulpwood		ractor Shed	=	Rights of Way		Other Land
Chip-n-Saw		out Building	=	SMZ		Commercial Land
Sawtimber	- 1	ingle-Family	=	Special Use	_	
Poles		1ulti-Family	=	Stand	Man	agement Compartment
	· Ca	amp House	$\leq$	Surface Mining		Management
Category 2: Stands	Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna	lub House	>	Threatened/Endangered Species		Regeneration
Clear Cut	• 0	Office Building	1	Visual Buffer		Site Preparation
Non-Stocked	M	lanufacturing	Verel I			Post Plant
Reproduction		Varehouse		Control		Site Improvement
Sub-Merchantable	I CI	hicken House	25	Temporary Line		Vegetation Control
Pulpwood	· H	lorse Stall	3	Permanent Fire Break		Stand Improvement
Chip-n-Saw	<b>■</b> M	1ilking Parlor		*/		<b>Invasive Species Control</b>
Sawtimber		log Pen	_	life (Lines)		Harvest
Poles	BI	lind	2	Green Strip		Fire Protection
	-	tand	-			Technical
Category 3: Non-Forest Stands		lospital	Fire			Wildlife Management
Non-Forest		lursing Home		Mitigation Burn		Property Activities
	10.01	or. Clinic				Roads
Category 4: Not in Plan Stands		tate Facility		Site-Prep Burn		SMZ
Not in Plan	-	Office		Wildfire		Forest Health
Catagory E. Foatswas Oak Blan Stand		Vork Center	Caba	ad Land Lago		Recreation
Category 5: Features Only Plan Stand	2.2	laterials Depot		ool Land Lease		Site Restoration
Features Only Plan	100 00	rison		Hunting	Tran	coortation (Lines)
Restricted Sites		chool			IIan	sportation (Lines)
		hurch	***	Recreation	=	City Streets
× Archeology		losque	Doct	ricted Area	=	County Roads
<ul><li>Cemetery</li><li>Red-Cockaded Woodpecker</li></ul>		ynagogue Other	MESC	SMZ	=	3 Digit Highway
▲ Gopher Tortoise	-	uler		Archeology,	1	Interstate Highway US Highway
A Picture Bogg Plant	Cruise	Plots		Cemetery	=	State Highway
A Ficture bogg Flant		re-Cruise		Visual Buffer	=	Natchez Trace Parkway
Forest Health (Points)		ost-Cruise		Special Use	=	Runways/Airports
		ost-ci dise		Natural Area	=	Active RR
* Kudzu	Other			Education	7	Abandoned RR
♣ Japanese Climbing Fern	■ To	owers		Recreation	-	Abditioned Title
* Chinese Tallow		ogging Deck			Hydi	rology (Lines)
# Privet		ocked		Large Utility		Mississippi River
▲ Southern Pine Beetle		InLocked		Red-Cockaded Woodpecker	=	Major River
▲ Sirex Wasp		Vater		Gopher Tortoise	=	Primary Stream
▲ IPPS	0			Picture Bogg Plant	=	Intermittent Stream
	200	latural Gas		Coal	T	Canal
Hydrology (Points)				Gravel	7	Ditch
Concrete Dam	Proper	ty Roads/Trails		Dirt	$\leq$	Earthen Dam
Beaver Dam	$\leq D$	prive Ways		Water	>	Concrete Dam
Earthen Dam	SAC	ccess Road		Oil		
Permanent	_ Lo	ogging Road		Natural Gas		ties (Lines)
Temporary	_ SI	kid Trail			:=	Large Electrical
Wooden	$\leq$ Fa	arm Road	Fore	st Health (Polygons)	Z	Local Utility
Other	552 H	liking Trail		Cogan Grass	3	Large Pipeline
	SS H	lorseback Riding Trail		Kudzu		Small Pipeline
Pond		**		Japanese Climbing Fern		Gas Line
MINISTER (Balleta)		ary Lines		Chinese Tallow		Utility Line
Wildlife (Points)	-	rcheology		Privet		Water Line
Food Plot		emetery		Southern Pine Beetle		
Water Hole		orilling Sites		Sirex Wasp		
Feeder	_ E	ducation		IPPS		

## Activities by Client and FY Report

Filters Applied: County: Choctaw
Client Class:
District:

Client: Choctaw BOE STR: 16 18N 9E

Year: 2012 Through 2021

Client Name	Year	Activity Name	Practice	STR	Est. Acres	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
Choctaw BOE							
	2014						
		Harvest					
			2nd Thin				
				16 18N 9E	22.03	\$771.05	\$7,930.80
					22	\$770.00	\$7,920.00
					17	\$595.00	\$6,120.00
				Totals	61.03	\$2,136.05	\$21,970.80
				m 1	Summary for 'Act_Name' = Harvest	<b>***</b>	\$01.0E0.00
				Totals	61.03 Summary for 'PlanYear' = 2014	\$2,136.05	\$21,970.80
				Totals	61.03	\$2,136.05	\$21,970.80
	2015						
		Harvest					
			Final				
				16 18N 9E	154	\$5,390.00	\$158,620.00
				Totals	154	\$5,390.00	\$158,620.00
				Totals	Summary for 'Act_Name' = Harvest 154	\$5,390.00	\$158,620.00
				_ 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	Summary for 'PlanYear' = 2015	<b>40,000.00</b>	4-55,5-550
				Totals	154	\$5,390.00	\$158,620.00
	2016						
		Harvest					

Harvest

Client Name	Year	Activity Name	Practice	STR	Est. Acres	Est. Cost	Est. Revenue
			Thin				
				16 18N 9E	61	\$2,135.00	\$9,150.00
					39	\$1,365.00	\$5,850.00
					40	\$1,400.00	\$6,000.00
				Totals	140	\$4,900.00	\$21,000.00
					Summary for 'Act_Name' = Harves	t	
				Totals	140	\$4,900.00	\$21,000.00
					Summary for 'PlanYear' = 2016		
				Totals	140	\$4,900.00	\$21,000.00
					Summary for 'ClientName' = Choct	taw BOE	
				Totals	355.03	\$12,426.05	\$201,590.80
Grand Totals					355.03	\$12,426.05	\$201,590.80

Thursday, February 16, 2012